

HO-1032

Albert & Isabelle Wilford House
6754 Montgomery Road
Private

DESCRIPTION:

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SIGNIFICANCE:

The Albert & Isabelle Wilford House is built on one of the lots owned and subdivided by Harry and Sarah Macleod and sold to the Wilfords in late 1945. The Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation dates the house to 1947, and there seems to be little reason to question this, though construction probably started in 1946. The house is essentially an early rancher with a gabled hood over the entrance that is supported by unusually robust scroll brackets. The hood and brackets are the only historicist features on an otherwise astylar modern dwelling. The interior details are a hodge-podge of periods, including architrave and a brick mantel that were common in the 1920s and '30s, especially in bungalows and foursquares, and a Colonial Revival corner cupboard. The Wilfords were the only owners of the house, until Albert Wilford sold it to a developer in 2006. It was scheduled to be demolished in late 2010 or early 2011.

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Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Albert & Isabelle Wilford House

other

2. Location

street and number 6754 Montgomery Road not for publication

city, town Elkridge ☒ vicinity

county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Cumberland Development Corp.

street and number PO Box 12 telephone

city, town Lisbon state MD zip code 21765

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 10029 folio 361

city, town Ellicott City tax map 37 tax parcel 394 tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- ☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SUMMARY:

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DESCRIPTION:

The Albert & Isabelle Wilford House is located at 6754 Montgomery Road, on the south side of the road at the west side of Hunt Club Road, about two miles west of Elkridge in northeastern Howard County, Maryland. The house faces north toward the road and is a one-story, three-bay by two-bay, frame structure covered with stucco, with a gable roof of asphalt shingles that has an east-west ridge. There is a three-bay by two-bay shorter enclosed porch on the east end, and it is stuccoed and has a hip roof with asphalt shingles. There is an interior brick chimney centered on the ridge and an exterior brick chimney at the east end of the main block, covered by the enclosed porch.

The north elevation of the main block has a six-over-six sash in the east bay, a projecting three-sided bay window in the center that has a six-over-six sash in each side of the bay, and a doorway in the west bay. The door here has six lights over three tall panels. There is a gabled hood above the doorway, set on two very large scroll brackets. The cornice is boxed. The north elevation of the porch has a door in the center with nine lights, and has a one-over-one sash to each side.

The east elevation of the porch has a bank of ten one-over-one sash. The gable end of the main block has a six-over-six sash. The south elevation of the porch has a bank of four one-over-one sash. The south elevation of the main block has six-over-six sash in the west, east-center, and east bays, with a doorway in the west-center bay that is missing its door.

The interior has 2 1/4-inch oak flooring and architrave on the doors that has an ogee cornice at the top, with a bead dividing the frieze. The sash are wooden. The plan has a large living room across the north

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front, to the west, with a kitchen in the southwest corner. In the south center is a circulation space with a stairway up to the attic along the east wall and a mechanical room at the north end. At the east end of the Living Room is a doorway on the south that leads to a vestibule, with a bathroom to the south of the vestibule and two bedrooms at the east end.

The Living Room has a fireplace centered on the south wall with a brick mantel and a built-in bookcase to the east; the moulding at the top of the bookcase is carried across the top of the mantel. In the northwest corner, nest to the door, is a wood corner cupboard with two one-panel doors at the bottom and a 12-light door at the top. The cupboard has fluted pilaster strips and a broken pediment.

The attic is unfinished.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates c. 1947

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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See footnotes

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .465 A
Acreage of historical setting .465 A
Quadrangle name Relay

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 37, parcel 394, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	October 2011
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

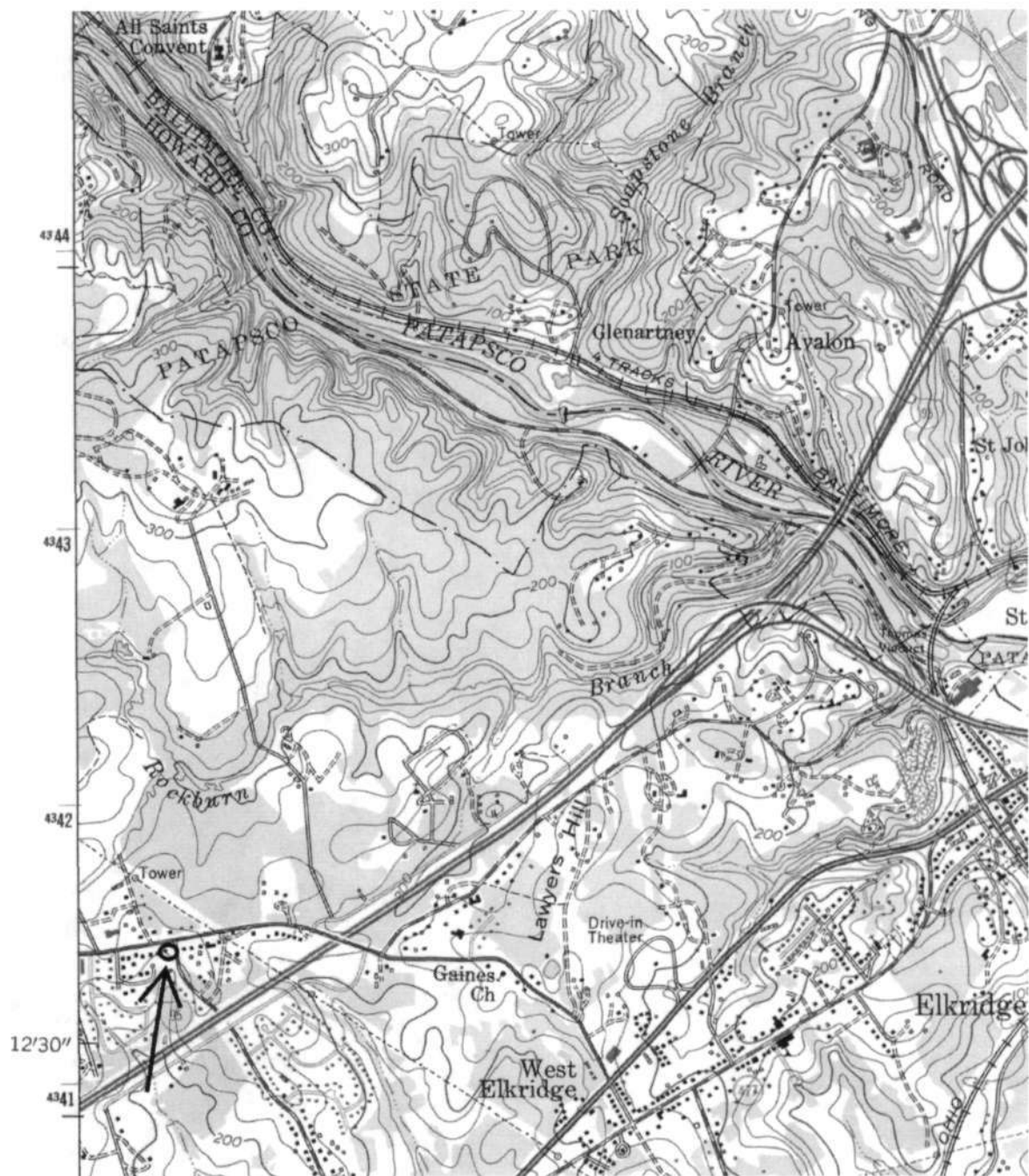
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Maryland Department of Planning
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

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6754 MONTGOMERY ROAD

CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU- MENT	CONSIDER- ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
Albert Wilford	Cumberland Develop. Corp / MD Home Investment Plus, LLC / MD	28 April 2006	MDR 10029-361	Deed – fee simple	\$320,000	(1) .465 A (2) .465 A	ITW d. 8-27-88
John E. & Elsie K. Macleod (H/W) / Anne Arundel Co Alice K. & Claude S. Brittingham (H/W) / Howard	Albert & Isabelle T. Wilford /	30 Oct. 1958	RHM 324-593	Deed – fee simple	\$5.00	.465 A	See Curtis survey, March 1948 p/o 316-38 1)
Harry Macleod & wf Sarah E. / Howard	John E. Macleod Alice K. Brittingham	24 June 1958	RHM 316-38	Deed – fee simple	\$5.00	(A) 15 1/5 A (B) ?	Minus land in 187-148 2 other parcels 1)
Harry & Sarah E. Macleod (H/W) / Balto. Co	Albert & Isabelle T. Wilford (H/W) / Balto. Co	5 Nov. 1945	BM Jr. 187-148	Deed – fee simple	\$5.00	.465 A	2)



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 Relay quad

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Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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North elevation

HO-1032_2010-12-22_02
North & west elevations

HO-1032_2010-12-22_03
South & east elevations

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Northwest room, vw. northwest to front door
& corner cupboard



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